

Housing Plan Implementation Committee

1st Floor Annex Conference Room

April 26, 2018

3:00pm-4:30pm

Meeting Minutes

Next Meeting, TBD

PRESENT: Kate Casa, Pamela Hallett, Ann Woodward, Lourie August

PHONE: Padraic Murchu

STAFF: Jennifer Raitt, Julie Wayman, Erin Zwirko

GUESTS: None

Agenda

Time	Item
3:00-3:05 pm	Review minutes from March 1, 2018 meeting
3:05-3:15 pm	ADU affordability requirement
3:15-3:30 pm	Municipal Affordable Housing Trust
3:30-4:25 pm	Forum on Housing discussion: who, what, where, when, and goals
4:25-4:30 pm	Next meeting date and time

Minutes

The minutes were approved from the November 9, 2017 and March 1, 2018 meetings.

Continue Accessory Dwelling Unit discussion

While the November meeting minutes indicate that the Committee was not in favor of an affordability requirement for ADUs, both Pam and Padraig disagreed. Both members believed that there is an opportunity for attach affordability requirements. There was some discussion about the pros and cons of an affordability requirement. Jenny suggested that a future bylaw could both, but that most municipalities don't add an affordability requirement to the bylaw. Jenny recommended that if there is a subsidy given by the Town, there should be an affordability requirement.

Municipal Affordable Housing Trust

The Committee did not discuss this item.

Forum on Housing

The Committee discussed the upcoming broad housing forum. It was initially scheduled for May 24, but the Committee determined that the forum should be rescheduled to June 14 to give more time for preparations.

The Committee discussed the goals of this broad housing forum. In particular, the Committee would like to give an annual update since the adoption of the Housing Production Plan and provide an opportunity to educate the community about housing issues regionally and locally. The forum will give the Committee a chance to build constituency for the upcoming zoning efforts around housing.

The Committee discussed many formats for the forum. The members decided to do a two-part session. The first part would be a discussion of the regional issue and the local issue. The second part would a discussion on strategies to address these issues. Pam agreed to provide the local perspective. The question and answer session should be moderated to be productive, but the committee is interested in learning about why attendees came to the forum.

Erin will reach out to the experts that Julie had initially contacted for participation in the forum to determine whether the rescheduled date will work. Members of the committee and staff will conduct outreach to their relevant contacts.

Next meeting date and time: TBD

Padraig indicated that he would need to resign from the Housing Plan Implementation Committee as he is moving away from Arlington. The Committee wished him the best.

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